Chatham Township Environmental Commission 58 Meyersville Rd, Chatham, NJ 07928, 973-635-4600

Minutes of the Tuesday, January 10, 2012 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:23 pm on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, F. Esposito, Shankar Krishnan, Subashree Rajagopal, Matthew Palmer, D. Stillinger, Township Liaison Kathy Abbott and Stephanie Qileirolo, AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassador.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2012 is posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building and mentioned on the Chatham Township website at www.chathamtownship.org. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings, join the discussions and participate in projects.

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission's goal is to provide a responsible environmental viewpoint to Township committees and boards and to undertake projects with a strong educational component in order to inform officials and residents about constructive actions that can be taken to preserve the environment.

CTEC AND GREEN TEAM MEETING DATES FOR 2012 AND JANUARY 2013.

Every first Tuesday (except no meeting in July) at 7:15 PM at the Chatham Township Municipal Building: Second Tuesday, Jan 10, 2012, first Tuesdays Feb. 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July no meeting, August 7, Sept. 4, October 2, November 6, December 4, and January 8 (second Tuesday), 2013.

REORGANIZE

Lou Caprioglio motion to appoint Dot Stillinger as Chairperson, 2nd by Frank Esposito, with all in favor. Dot Stillinger motioned to appoint Pat Collington as Vice-chair, 2nd by Lou Caprioglio, with all in favor. Shankar Krishman and Pat Collington agreed to share Open Space Committee liaison. Commission reviewed roster and orientation letter.

CTEC and Green Team minutes from December 6, 2011 were approved, motioned by Pat Collington, 2nd by Lou Caprioglio, with all in favor.

GREEN TEAM MEETING

S. Carroll, Green Team Chair. - 7:40-8:01

Energy Action and Outreach – displayed film on clean energy.

Green Challenge – ready to be uploaded to website. All CTEC members should participate in challenge and encourage residents to do the same.

Action Status – time commitments on completion of actions are needed for subcommittees.

REVISED STEEP SLOPES ORDINANCE - the commission has concerns with the revised proposed steep slope ordinance and at this time feels that this ordinance does not address and meet the necessary regulations and requirements to conform with land disturbances within the township. Further research is necessary regarding regulations and requirements. Attention is needed on larger areas, percentage of disturbance, soil erosion and sediment control. Lou Caprioglio will research further.

GENERATOR FOR CHATHAM GLEN SEWAGE PLANT. Reviewed draft letter to Township Committee regarding the installation of a gas or diesel powered generator. The opinion of the committee is the gas generator is the cleaner option and better air quality in a residential area. Pat Collington motioned to approve sending the letter with edits and Shankar Krishnan 2^{nd} with all in favor. This letter will be circulated for final review before being sent.

APPLICATION/ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT REVIEW

PENDING. LONGVIEW/FENIX. 2-2-11. Block 32 Lots 2, 6 and 8, Block 33, Lots 1, 14, 17 and 20. Ronald Gunn. Longview Road. R-3 (half-acre) zone. Application to Planning Board for 7 lot major subdivision on Longview Road. Propose to subdivide existing upper 4 lots into 7 lots. Requesting C(2) hardship variances for disturbance of steep slopes, height of structural retaining walls. Three of the current 4 upper lots have 25% slopes on less than a fifth of the lot. Proposed lots will be sewered; there is a utility easement across an off-site lower lot to provide sewer access. Two nearby

homes are on septic and one home is on well water. 156 trees over 12" in diameter including at least 9 of 30" or more in diameter are proposed to be removed. Site visit was Sat. Dec. 3, 2011.

PENDING. Currie, 43 Susan Drive, B 20 L 15. 7-22-11. Application to Board of Adjustment for variance for proposed single family dwelling on steep slopes. This parcel is on the lower side of the road near where a previous construction project caused damage to downslope neighbors. Site visit was Sat. Dec. 3, applicant or representatives did not attend. Applicant may not pursue application.

PENDING. D'Onofrio, 29 Candace Lane, B 38 L 31. 8-26-11. Application to Board of Adjustment for rear yard setback to construct an addition. Steep slopes. Waiting for completeness review.

PENDING. Russo, B 39 L 30, 112 Candace Lane. 7-27-11. Application to Board of Adjustment for variance for rear yard setback to construct a deck. There is a conservation easement on the steep slopes. Waiting for completeness review.

PENDING. PSE&G expansion of power line right-of-way. 6-13-11, application to NJDEP for freshwater wetlands general permit to do construction work along the ROW. Memo to NJDEP with a similar memo to NJBPU was mailed and also was presented at the public hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

PENDING. Rolling Knolls Superfund site at the end of Britten Road. No new information.

REPORTS

Planning Board report. L. Caprioglio, Planning Board liaison. Market Garden proposed ordinance was discussed at the 1/9/12 Planning Board meeting. Further discussion is needed to address public comments. The ordinance is to be amended and further discussed at the next meeting.

Township Committee report. K. Abbott will continue to carry out Safe Routes to School.

Open Space Committee report. S. Krishnan & P. Collington

Community Education and Outreach Committee report. P. Collington – Eco films and discussion series was held in December and will continue with a movie in February about water which will be tied into a bigger event. Library of The Chathams.

Communications Committee report. F. Esposito, P. Collington – Green Challenge up at running. Establishing a news media contact list.

Recycling Committee report. F. Esposito – single stream recycling video is now on website. MUA will meet with condo's to establish a more efficient recycling waste program.

DISCUSSION/ACTIONS

- ANJEC basic commission operations workshop in the evening.
- Bernards Township EC is interested in hosting the ANJEC basic commission operations workshop in the evening, possibly a second Monday at 7 PM. CTEC will share the cost if any CTEC members would like to attend.
- Identify a stormwater mitigation project to make use of funds in escrow account of East Park Builders, which is unable to meet its stormwater requirements on site.
- Discussion of funding half the Eco Film series. Cindy Stephans spent a few hundred dollars out of her own pocket for the licensing fees for this whole year.
- NRI revision. NRI Committee met on 9-6-11, 10-8-11, 10-24-11, 11-14-11. Subcommittee will do most of the updating with volunteers. All welcome to participate. S. Carroll, S. Krishnan, D. Stillinger, M. Palmer.
- Discussion of farming in a residential neighborhood next to a SWRPA stream.
- A memo was submitted to the Township Committee asking for open space tax funds to clean up an old household trash dump, now called the Green Village Pond Conservation Area, on Township property on Green Village Road to make possible a future nature trail. Project will be continued. D. Stillinger.
- PSE&G's proposed power line upgrade. About 2.5 miles are in Chatham Township. Of the 15 towns along the route Chatham Township has the second-longest run, after Livingston's 10 miles. Berkeley Heights has about 2 miles. Please let

D. Stillinger know if you see contractors working in the ROW along with their company name and anything else you think is important.

RECENT LETTERS SENT

• October 2011. Letter sent to Mayor Hagner commending Morris E. Enyeart (Township Webmaster-City Connections LLC) and Tom Salvas (Manager-Chatham Township Governmental Access TV / Electronic Community Bulletin Board) for their outstanding work and tremendous help in greatly improving CTEC's website, archiving, and public service communications. Letter (in e-mail form) sent to Senator Menendez urging full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

EVENTS

- SEAMLESS, every first Tuesday at 8 AM. Madison Library.
- Ground Water Protection Committee. Willow Hall, 330 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.
- Consider joining the 2012 class of Rutgers Cooperative Extension's Environmental Steward training which will be offered in Atlantic, Warren, and Somerset counties, from January to June. Info at envirostewards.rutgers.edu.

MAIL RECEIVED

- Minutes of meetings of Chatham Borough and Long Hill Environmental Commissions.
- Notices and flyers.

ADJOURN 10:35 PM

Carolyn Scannelli Minutes Secretary